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SUBJECT: UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE

REF: HEATER-HEWITT TELECON

1. RE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS TRANSMITTED REFTELCON, USDEL
SHOULD SUPPORT OR PROPOSE AMENDMENTS WHICH (A) TAKE NOTE
OF THE PROGRESS IN SPECIFIC AREAS AS CONTAINED IN HRC
RESOLUTION 12 (XXXIV), AND (B) TAKE NOTE OF DISCUSSIONS
WHICH HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN HRC AD HOC WORKING
GROUP AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE. IF
THESE TWO AMENDMENTS ARE ADOPTED, USDEL SHOULD VOTE FOR
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THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. IF AMENDMENTS ARE NOT ADOPTED,
USDEL SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTE ON RESOLUTION AS A
WHOLE.

2. AFTER VOTE USDEL SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE, EXPLAIN U.S.
POSITION ON DRAFT RESOLUTION, DRAWING UPON THE FOLLOWING:
CONCERN OF USG OVER HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE

REMAINS UNDIMINISHED, AS EVIDENCED BY THE CO-SPONSORSHIP BY THE USDEL AT THE 34TH SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION EARLIER THIS YEAR OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WAS EVENTUALLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION. THIS IS HRC

RESOLUTION 12 (XXXIV), WHICH COVERS THE TOTALITY OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, INCLUDING THOSE WITHIN THE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE OF UNESCO. THE HRC RESOLUTION EXTENDS THE MANDATE OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP, WHICH HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING AND REPORTING ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION IN 1975. AS STATED IN THE RESOLUTION, THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON ONCE AGAIN TO ADMIT THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP INTO CHILE, "THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO AN IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY." AS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON MAY 26, THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP MET IN NEW YORK FROM 18-26 MAY 1978 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE TO DISCUSS THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A POSSIBLE VISIT OF THE GROUP TO CHILE. THE OUTCOME OF THESE CONSULTATIONS IS NOT YET KNOWN. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THEY WILL RESULT IN A VISIT BY THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP FINALLY TAKING PLACE. WE RECOGNIZE THE SPECIAL LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS OF UNESCO IN ITS AREAS OF COMPETENCE, BUT DO NOTE THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE IS BEING CONSIDERED IN THE UN SYSTEM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND ITS AD HOC WORKING GROUP. WE CONSIDERED IT INAPPROPRIATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING ON A RESOLUTION WHICH DID NOT CONTAIN THE ELEMENTS COVERED BY THE AMENDMENTS WHICH WE SUPPORTED. VANCE

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